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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AND PRESENTATION
OF CREDENTIALS

1. AMBASSADOR JOVA'S TWO ENCOUNTERS WITH THE PRESS (UPON ARRIVAL AND AT NATIONAL PALACE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS) HAVE RESULTED IN A CLEARLY FAVORABLE POSITION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF EARLIER SOMEWHAT RABID COMMENTARY IN SECTORS HOSTILE TO U.S. REPORTAGE HAS BEEN GENERALLY UNSLANTED AND QUOTATION OF AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS ACCURATE IN THE MAIN.

2. QUESTIONS RELATING TO CIA AND AMBASSADOR'S SERVICE IN CHILE HAVE BEEN VOICED ON BOTH OCCASIONS CITED, BUT VIGOROUS RESPONSE SEEMS TO HAVE SATISFIED REPORTERS AND PROBABLY INSTILLED SOME CAUTION IN RAISING THESE ISSUES AGAIN.

3. EDITORIALS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE. EVEN LEFTIST-NATIONALIST EXCELSIOR IN ITS EDITORIAL TODAY ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULT JOB OF U.S. AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO AND, IN A HALF-APOLOGETIC TONE, ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT MEXICAN SENTIMENT OF BEING ON ITS GUARD IN RELATIONS WITH U.S. DID NOT SIGNIFY "GRATUITOUS ANTI-YANKEEISM".

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4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY THOSE WHO TEND TOWARD BLIND CRITICISM

OF THE U.S. AND ITS POLICIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSPICIOUS
AND CRITICAL OF THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR. NEVERTHELESS,
INITIAL HURDLES HAVE BEEN SURMOUNTED AND A GROUNDWORK LAID
FOR CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND THE MEDIA.
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